



National Trust

News and events for autumn / winter 2018
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What's on

This is just a selection of what's on. Visit our website for more events and inspiration
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/eastofengland



Bedfordshire

Dunstable Downs Dunstable, LU6 2GY

The Halloween Craft Barn

Saturday 20 - Sunday 28 October

Join us for some creepy crafts at Dunstable Downs

20/21/26 - Broomstick Making

£10.00

23/24/25 - Pom-pom spiders & Witches and Wizards hats

£2.00 per craft

22/27/28 - Halloween Pumpkin flowers

£8.00 per pumpkin display

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Pumpkin trail

20 - 26 October

Celebrate the beauty of autumn with the whole family at Dunstable Downs with our wonderful Pumpkin Trail, perfect for the little ones.



Spooky Walks in Chute Woods

Friday 26 and Sunday 28 October

Meet us at the Chilterns Gateway Centre and be taken on a chilling journey through Chute Wood. It is well known that in the nights before All Hallows Eve the spirits gather to try and steal new souls to keep them company in their never ending wander through the world of the undead....

4.30pm & 5.15pm Special Spooky children's walk

£5 per child/Adult (with child) goes free

6.00pm, 6.45pm, 7.30pm or 8.15pm Spooky Walk

(over 12 years old only (PG))

£7.50 per person **B**



Christmas at Dunstable Downs

1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 20-23 December

Start your day by enjoying breakfast with Father Christmas before working it off on our Christmas trail. Pop back into the centre on your way out to pick up those essential Christmas gifts before relaxing with a cheeky Christmas treat and hot chocolate.

Trail is free when you pre-book your breakfast with Father Christmas. **B**



Winter Solstice

21 December

Start your winter experience at the Chilterns Gateway Centre with carols, mince pies and a cup of traditional wassail. Follow the procession led by the Morris dancers and musicians before enjoying a traditional mummers play about the battle of Holly and the Oak King.

£15 adult £7.50 Children **B**



Essex

Bourne Mill

Colchester, Essex CO2 8RT

Bourne Mill Discovery Tours

Saturday 15 September & Saturday 13 October,

10am - 11am

Join us for a series of regular short talks and tours looking at the history of Bourne Mill, from when it was a fishing lodge 500 years ago to its more recent role as a grain and fulling mill. A welcome cup of tea and coffee is included. More details of each event on the Bourne Mill NT website.

£6 per person **B**



Paycocke's House and Garden

Coggeshall, CO6 1NS



Thomas Paycocke Anniversary Weekend

Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 September

The Company of Merrie Folk will be in and around Paycocke's House in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Thomas Paycocke's death, and in line with our current exhibition on site about him.

Spinning Demonstrations

Sunday 2, 16 & 30 September,

Sunday 14 October and Thursday 25 October

Our talented and informative spinners will be demonstrating the skills that built Paycocke's House.

Medieval Christmas and Craft Fair

24 & 25 November

See the delights of a medieval Christmas craft fair to explore the different traditions which they would have had, to compare them to ours.



Book an event

Book online at

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/events

or call our central box office to book events at the following places...

Blakeney National Nature Reserve, Norfolk

Bourne Mill, Essex

Brancaster Beach, Norfolk

Blickling Estate, Norfolk

Coggeshall Grange Barn, Essex

Dunstable Downs and Whipsnade Estate, Bedfordshire

Dunwich Heath, Suffolk

Felbrigg Hall, Norfolk

Flatford, Suffolk

Hatfield Forest, Essex

Heigham Holmes, Norfolk

Houghton Mill, Cambridgeshire

Ickworth, Suffolk

Lavenham Guildhall, Suffolk

Melford Hall, Suffolk

Orford Ness, Suffolk

Oxburgh Hall, Norfolk

Shaw's Corner, Hertfordshire

Sheringham Park, Norfolk

Wicken Fen, Cambridgeshire

Willington Dovecote and Stables, Bedfordshire

Wimpole Estate, Cambridgeshire

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To book events at the following places, please call the number listed...

Anglesey Abbey, Cambridgeshire 01223 810086

Elizabethan House Museum, Norfolk 01493 743930

Paycocke's, Essex 01376 561305

Peckover House, Cambridgeshire 01945 583463

Sutton Hoo, Suffolk 01394 389714

Theatre Royal, Suffolk 01284 769505

Normal admission applies unless otherwise stated.

B = Booking essential. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Family ticket includes two adults and two children.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Suffolk

Ickworth

Horringer, Bury St Edmunds, IP29 5QE

Roots of Ickworth

Throughout September & October showcasing the artistry of wood – how it helped build Ickworth both indoors and outdoors.

Normal admission applies

Wood & Craft Fair

Saturday 6 October & Sunday 7 October
Take the rare opportunity to buy quality Ickworth wood milled from the estate. Browse craft and pottery stalls, learn about the different techniques of transforming wood and take part in some children's activities. Not forgetting live music and locally brewed ales.

£2.50 for NT members



Lavenham

Guildhall

Lavenham, Sudbury, CO10 9QZ

Human Cargo, Tales of Exile

Friday 21 September, 7.30pm
Join Matthew Crampton, storyteller, writer and singer as he explores stories of emigration, slavery and transportation and how this sleepy English village treated its convicts in the eighteenth century and the long struggle many of them endured once prosecuted.

£13 per person, B



Melford Hall

Long Melford, Sudbury, CO10 9AA

Three Mills guided walk

Saturday 29 September & Saturday 27 October, 10am
A guided walk along the old Great Eastern Railway line through Sudbury's 13th century water meadows.

£12, including a picnic bag B



Cooking in the Kitchen: a 1930s experience

Tuesday 13 November, Wednesday 14 November, Tuesday 20 November and Wednesday 21 November
Join our Living History Cooks for a unique chance to try out traditional 1930s recipes in Ickworth's beautiful finishing kitchen. A truly unforgettable cooking experience!

£30 per person, B



Christmas and New Year Children's Crafts

20 December – 1 January
Kick off the festive season and get crafty with our Christmas crafts. Choose from a range of Christmas themed crafts this holiday season and create your own. All within the comfort of our West Wing Gallery.

£2 per child

Halloween Walk

Friday 26 October, 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Come and join us this Halloween for a special ghoulish family walk around Lavenham. Tales of ghosts and goblins and dark medieval history... but don't worry it's not too scary. We may even encounter some friendly ghosts and spectres and there's a children's quiz with prize stickers to win.

£6 adults, £3 children, B

Lavenham by Lantern Light

3, 8, 12, 21, 30 November & 5, 13, 22 December, 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Lavenham is one of the best preserved medieval villages in England. The rich cloth merchants who lived here were some of the wealthiest in the country, leaving behind a unique legacy of buildings. Our experienced guide will escort you round to look at the village by lantern light, telling the stories of Lavenham through time. We end the evening with hot drinks and home-made cakes in the Guildhall.

£11 per person, B

Lavenham to Melford Hall Railway walk

Saturday 6 October, 10am
A guided four mile walk retracing the route of the former Great Eastern Railway linking the medieval wool towns of Lavenham and Melford

£18 includes refreshments, lunch and entrance to Melford Hall. B

Celebration of Autumn

Thursday 25 October, 12 noon
Autumn related crafts and 50 things activities celebrating autumn, including pumpkin carving

£2.50 activity charge plus garden admission (free to children with Mr McGregor's voucher)

Orford Ness

Orford, Suffolk

Bird Ringing demonstration

Saturday 15 September & Saturday 13 October 2018
Starts at 11.00am. Catch the 10.00, 10.20 or 10.40 boats.

Come and watched our licensed volunteers ringing birds as part of the British Trust for Ornithology's monitoring scheme.

No booking required.



Flatford

Flatford, CO7 6UL

Boat House Gallery Exhibitions

As property opening times
A series of exhibitions celebrating the Stour Valley through art. Saturday 1 September – Sunday 28 October; The Art of the Tree by Arborealists-East; an exhibition by a group of artists who are fascinated by trees and love to depict them in their art. Saturday 3 November – Sunday 27 January; Justin Minns; an exhibition of Justin's beautiful photographs of the Stour Valley and beyond.

Flatford Rambles and Ranger Walks

Saturday 15 September, Saturday 20 October, Wednesday 24 October, Sunday 28 October, Saturday 17 November, Saturday 29 December, 10.30am start time for all events
Join a knowledgeable guide for a walk in Constable Country. The Flatford Rambles will follow paths to Dedham and beyond whilst the Ranger Walks will stay closer at hand and look at how the landscape is managed for the benefit of wildlife. More details for each walk can be found on the National Trust Flatford website.

£7 per person, B



Dunwich Heath

Dunwich, IP17 3DJ

Bird Ringing Demonstrations

11 September – 16 October, 10am – 4pm
Join us every Tuesday for a special opportunity to take a close up look at some of the birds which make their homes here at Dunwich Heath. Find out more about bird ringing and how it provides a fascinating insight into the lives of the nation's birds.



Flatford Buildings Tours

Sunday 23 September & Sunday 14 October, 11.30am & 1.30pm
Look inside Willy Lott's House, Flatford Mill and Valley Farm on this fascinating tour. Discover the secret poem carved on the staircase in Willy Lott's House and find out what Flatford Mill was like when it was owned by the Constable Family.

£7 per person, B



Halloween Trail

Saturday 27 October – Sunday 4 November
Follow the spooky clues the Flatford Witch has dropped and claim a creepy prize when you return.

£1.50 per child/parking charge applies for non NT members

Christmas at Flatford

Saturday 24 November & Sunday 25 November, Saturday 1 December & Sunday 2 December, 10.30am – 3.30pm
Celebrate a traditional Christmas at Flatford. The beautiful hall of Valley Farm will be open to visit and decorated for the season. There will be a cosy log fire and mulled wine and mince pies to enjoy. The tea room will be serving festive fare and there will be gift ideas for family and friends in the shop.

Pieathalon

Saturday 20 October & Sunday 21 October, 10am – 4pm

Join us for our annual 'Pieathalon' celebration. The Tea Room will be making sweet and savoury pies to get your taste buds tingling and there will be children's activities too, so why not come along and have a pie-tastic day!

Free entry – cost per pie

Meet Father Christmas

Saturday 8 December & Sunday 9 December, 11am – 2.30pm
If you've been good all year, you can drop in to meet Father Christmas at the Coastguard Cottages Tea Room. A little gift and a child's hot chocolate drink are included. Why not follow our Reindeer Trail and see if you can find all of the reindeer hiding on the heath?

£8 per person

Norfolk

Oxburgh Hall

Oxborough, PE33 9PS

Apple Day

Saturday 29 September, 10.30am – 4.30pm
Apple crafts, apple pressing, and delicious apple treats to celebrate the apple harvest.

Oxburgh by Candlelight

Friday 26 & Saturday 27 October, hour long tours start at 5pm, last tour at 7.30pm
Escape modern day Halloween and join us for a candlelit tour of Oxburgh Hall after dark and discover what made a Victorian All Hallow's Eve.

£15 per adult B

Secret Tudor Music at Advent

Friday 23 November, 7pm – 9pm, Saturday 24 November, 4pm – 5pm, Saturday 24 November, 6pm – 8pm, doors open half an hour before performance
Hear moving choral music, performed by the talented Eboracum Baroque, in the intimate surroundings of the candlelit family chapel.

£15 for the two hour performances, £10 for the one hour performance B



Sheringham Park

Upper Sheringham, NR26 8TL

International Photographer of the Year Exhibition

1 September – 28 October, dawn to dusk
This exhibition in the Bower garden, specialises in garden, plant, flower and botanical photography. Showcasing images from all over the world, this year's exhibits will include pictures from Humphry Repton locations from around the UK, as part of our celebration of his life in 2018.

Fungi Workshops & Foray

Foray - 7 October, 1pm - 3pm
Workshop - 11 & 13 October, 10.30am - 3.30pm
Mushrooms and toadstools are fascinating and diverse. Investigate the world of fungi and learn how to identify them by taking part in our annual foray, or spend the day with us, at one of our more in-depth workshops.

Foray £7.75 (2 hours), day workshop £24. B



Blakeney National Nature Reserve

Morston, NR25 7BH

Autumn Migrants

Saturday 20 October, 3.30pm – 7.30pm
Join us for a guided walk around Blakeney Freshes and discover the birds that over-winter here on the coast. Hopefully experience the amazing sights and sounds of the thousands of Pink-Footed Geese as they come in to roost for the night.

£9 per adult B



Beat the Rush Christmas Lunches

Wednesday & Thursday, 28, 29 November & 5, 6, 12, 13 December, 12.45pm – 3pm
Enjoy a relaxing traditional Christmas Lunch (Roast Turkey or vegetarian option) with all the trimmings in the Victorian Tea Room followed by dessert and tea/coffee.

Christmas at Oxburgh Hall

Weekends 8, 9, 15 & 16 December, 11am – 4pm
The ground floor of the house will be decorated for a Victorian Christmas, meet members of the Victorian family, and of course, Father Christmas himself.

Please book in advance to meet Father Christmas on 01366 328258, £8 per child. B

Fascinating Fungi Trail

18 – 28 October, 10am – 4.15pm
Find out about the amazing mushrooms that can be found at Sheringham Park at this time of year. Will you be able to find the clues this half-term?

£2.50 per trail includes a prize.

Repton Revealed

2 – 4 November & 8 – 11 November, 5.30pm
The highlight event in our 2018 programme, celebrating the life and work of Humphry Repton. Join us for a light show that will illuminate Repton's vision for Sheringham Park, 200 years after his death.

£13.50 adult, £8 child. B



Blickling Estate

Blickling, Aylsham, NR11 6NF

Trust New Art – The Word Defiant!

Daily until 28 October
Blickling's library, which holds over 12,500 volumes and is one of the nation's most significant book collections, has inspired Theatre Company Les Enfants Terribles to explore the importance of books through contemporary art. Don't miss The Word Defiant! a series of installations that reveal stories of books that have been banned, burned, drowned, superseded, redacted, neglected and those that remain defiant.

Autumn Festival

19 September – 19 October
We welcome the season of mellow fruitfulness with a celebration of our famous apples and pumpkins. Join us on Tuesday 2 October for our apple harvest and take some home for yourself. Our Apple Weekend takes place on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 October when there will be a chance to enjoy apple tasting, juicing and produce for sale.

Brancaster Estate

Brancaster, PE31 8BW

Brancaster Staithe Guided Nature Walk

Saturday 29 September, 5.30pm – 8.30pm
Join us for a guided nature walk around Brancaster Staithe harbour. Discover the wildlife and history, and finish with a bowl of hot soup at Brancaster Activity Centre. As part of our 20th year celebrations there will be a short talk and a fundraising raffle for our bursary scheme.

£13 per adult, £6.50 per child. B

50 Things Thursday

Thursday 25 October, 10am – 4pm
Join our team for a day of 50 things themed family fun on the Norfolk Coast at Brancaster Beach. Fly one of our kites, try stone skimming, build an epic sandcastle, or sit back and watch the birdlife. Stay for as little or as long as you like.

£13 per adult, £6.50 per child. B



Elizabethan House Museum

Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QH

Mystic Medicine

Monday 22 October, 11am – 4pm
Learn about tried, tested (and terrifying) historical remedies from the past. This is your go-to guide for how NOT to seek medical relief!



Horsley Windpump

Horsley, Great Yarmouth, NR29 4EF

Heritage Open Days

6 – 9 & 13 – 16 September
We'll be opening the ground floor of Horsley Windpump and inviting everyone to come and visit this magnificent Norfolk Broads icon. Discover her eventful history and connection to the surrounding landscape.

Heigham Holmes

Martham, Norfolk

Walk on The Wildside

Sunday 23 September, 10.30am – 12.30pm
Explore the wildlife and secret history of Heigham Holmes. Come for a wild walk through the reserve with the ranger. Venture off the beaten track, and look out for wildlife along the way.

£9 per adult and £4.50 per child. B

Awesome Autumn Ranger Ramble

Sunday 14 October, 10.30am – 12.30pm
Come for a wild walk through this secret Norfolk Broads reserve with a ranger. Venture off the beaten track, and look out for our autumnal wildlife along the way. Wellies essential!

£9 per adult and £4.50 per child. B

Heigham Holmes Christmas Deer Ramble

Sunday 9 December, 2pm – 4pm
Escape the pre-Christmas chaos and join our rangers for a glimpse into the private world of Red and Chinese Water Deer. Come and look for the wild deer that frequent Heigham Holmes. We will look out for other wildlife along the way.

£9 per adult and £4.50 per child. B



Felbrigg Hall

Felbrigg, Norwich, NR11 8PR

Bird Spotting Walk

Wednesday 19 September & Wednesday 17 October, 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Join Trevor Williams from the North East Norfolk Bird Club on a walk around the Felbrigg Estate. Spot and identify the many species of bird that make Felbrigg their home. No prior bird knowledge is necessary.

£5 B



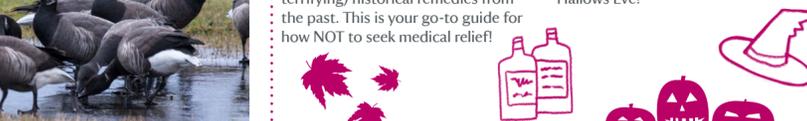
Hall at Harvest

29 September – 5 October, noon – 5pm
The Hall will be decorated to celebrate the harvest with displays of fruit, vegetables and beautiful flower arrangements created by our team of volunteer flower arrangers. This year there will be a wild and exotic theme.

Wicked Witches and Furry Familiars

Wednesday 24 October, 11am – 4pm

Discover a time of witches. Where the simplest suspicion could turn into a witch hunt, hear tales of real life toil as well as those that could come straight from a fairy tale. Create your own familiar fiend just in time for All Hallow's Eve!



Cambridgeshire

Wimpole Estate

Arrington, Royston, SG8 0BW

Wimpole Produce Fair
 Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 September,
 10.30am – 5pm
 Back for the fifth year running, the Wimpole Produce Fair forms part of our month-long celebration of harvest during September. It is the perfect opportunity for local producers to showcase their wares and for you to taste them.
Garden admission applies



Murder Mystery Evening: A Cause to die for
 Friday 12 & Saturday 13 October,
 6.30pm – 10.30pm
 Mystery in History returns to Wimpole Hall for its annual Murder Mystery with a brand new murder... and some unexpected twists! It is October 12th 1918 and the Great War draws to a close. In advance of the forthcoming general election, hustings are being held, hosted by the Bagworth family, politically minded tenants of Wimpole Hall. Unfortunately, family members hold widely differing political views - particularly on the subject of the enfranchisement of women. And whilst passions run deep as to the prospect of a woman standing for parliament... is that really justification for murder?
Tickets £60 B, online or call 0344 249 1895



Crafts at Christmas
 Saturday 10 November & Sunday 11 November, 10.30am – 5pm
 Wimpole's festive season begins with our fantastic Christmas Craft Fair. Find unique and unusual presents from an exciting selection of new stalls along with some old favourites. Enjoy our dedicated food area, selling delicacies and tipples to suit all tastes. Visit our Stable Block shops and enjoy some mulled wine and tasty mince pies.
£4 under 14s free



A Wimpole Christmas
 Friday to Monday, 30 November – 3 December, 7 – 10 December, 14 – 17 December, 21 – 23 December (closed 24 Dec), 10.30am – 3.30pm.
 A celebration of Christmas at Wimpole, with a Georgian twist! Relax and enjoy time with family and friends across the estate with seasonal food, decorations, walks and family activities. Check the website for programme details, timed tickets and booking information.

This festive season enjoy some of Wimpole's stunning show rooms filled with decorations sharing the story of a Georgian Christmas. With the Farm also in the Christmas spirit, open on the same days as the Hall, there is plenty to get you in the festive mood. The Garden, shops and Restaurant are all open daily throughout December.
Adult £18, Child £9 Family £45, NT Members free
Timed tickets for entry to the Hall can be booked either online, or on 0344 249 1895

Wicken Fen

Wicken, Ely, CB7 5XP



Felt-Making for Beginners
 Saturday 23 September, 10am – 1pm
 Learn how to make unique felted decorations with tutor Heidi McEvoy Swift, at one of our autumn series of craft workshops.
£35 Materials included. B, 01353 720274



Christmas Willow and Rush Decorations Workshop
 Sunday 4 November & Friday 9 November, 10am or 1.30pm
 One of our Christmas craft workshops, ideal for making traditional decorations for your house and table using natural materials. Tutor Nadine Anderson
£20 Materials included. B, 01353 720274



Lino-printing for Christmas
 Saturday 17 November, 10am or 1.30pm
 A traditional Christmas craft workshop; make your own cards, tags and wrap, or seasonal image to frame.
£30 Materials included. B, 01353 720274



Father Christmas at the Fen
 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23 December.
 Please our check website for timings. Follow a wintry trail, do some seasonal crafts, and find Father Christmas in the Fen Cottage
£10 per child. B, 01353 720274.



Peckover House and Garden

Wisbech, PE13 1JR

Heritage Open Day
 Saturday 8 September, 12 noon – 4pm
 An opportunity to meet artists Sarah Evans and David Kefford who have created Transitions in Time, an installation in the Drawing Room, and to see the additional work they have made with local community groups.

What's in There?
 16 October – 27 October, during normal opening hours
 Special interest days, when doors, drawers and cupboards not normally open to the public will be on show. Don't miss the opportunity for a 'sneak peek'!



Half-Term Autumn Trail
 20 October - 28 October, 11am – 4pm
 Solve the clues in the garden and come along to the Reed Barn to collect your Autumn biscuit.
Child £1, plus normal admission

Christmas Celebrations
 8 – 16 December, 11am – 4pm (last admission 3.30pm)
 Selected rooms of Peckover House will be decorated for Christmas with festive floral arrangements. We will also be showcasing Christmas trees brought in by community groups to reflect and continue the Peckovers' legacy and involvement in the community. Music by local choirs and musicians, and mulled wine and homemade mince pies available in the Reed Barn.



Anglesey Abbey

Lode, Cambridge, CB25 9EJ

High Days & Holidays: Homeward Bound
 10 – 30 September
 Join us for the final part of our High Days and Holidays season as we celebrate the time of year when Lord Fairhaven returned home from his summer travels, to enjoy the racing season and entertain guests, including Royalty, in his Dahlia Garden. We'll have our Royal Roots trail running in the garden, robes worn at the Royal Coronation on display, rare film footage from the 1926 Cowes Race Week and the final part of our Family Passport to guide you on your adventures.



Conserving & Preserving
 6 October – 25 November
 What does it take to care for Anglesey Abbey? Get involved and explore the conservation work that takes place in the house, gardens and mill to keep Anglesey Abbey going for future generations. Discover how we have conserved the mill wheel to keep it turning for another 150 years. Uncover what our Garden Team do to help create next year's stunning displays, and meet our Conservation Team in the house unlocking the secrets of how we care for Lord Fairhaven's stunning collection.

Twelve Trees of Anglesey Abbey
 1 December – 20 January
 Explore the extraordinary story of Anglesey Abbey and Lord Fairhaven's passion for collecting, through a trail of twelve trees. Each tree is uniquely decorated to share a different aspect of Anglesey Abbey's story. Help us create our final tree in the garden using decorations you can make from natural materials in the Domestic Wing. Discover how Lord Fairhaven entertained and spent the winter hosting shooting parties for his guests.

